

HOUSE RESOLUTION 9

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Nancy Berry on being named a 2012 "12 Who Made a Difference" by *The Commercial Appeal*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2012, Nancy Berry was recognized as one of *The Commercial Appeal's* "12 Who Made a Difference" for her tireless commitment to improving lives in the Greater Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, in the hope of making a difference in the life of a young child, Ms. Berry reached out to Balmoral-Ridgeway Elementary about the opportunity to mentor one of its students; and

WHEREAS, through this opportunity, she had the fortune of meeting a young girl, Jamie Thompson, who greatly benefitted from Ms. Berry's dedicated attention and guidance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Berry went above and beyond her call to mentor by recruiting her fellow congregants at Balmoral Presbyterian Church to serve as mentors, tutors, and even gardeners at the local elementary school; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Nancy Berry takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Nancy Coffee, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Nancy Berry on being named a 2012 “12 Who Made a Difference” by *The Commercial Appeal*, thank her for all she has done to make Memphis and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.